

# Executive Action on Immigration

Informing the Community & Promoting Inter-Agency Collaboration  
to support & empower Lake County immigrant families



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by Mano a Mano Family Resource Center

In Collaboration with the Immigrant Integration Network of Lake County (IIN Lake County)

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# Our Coalition: I.I.N. Lake County

- Immigrant Integration Network of Lake County (IIN Lake County)- a shared effort of immigrant-serving organizations throughout the County.
- Objectives:
  - **Educate** the Community- both residents and organizations on issues facing immigrant communities
  - **Connect** community members with resources
  - **Serve** immigrant community members through direct services

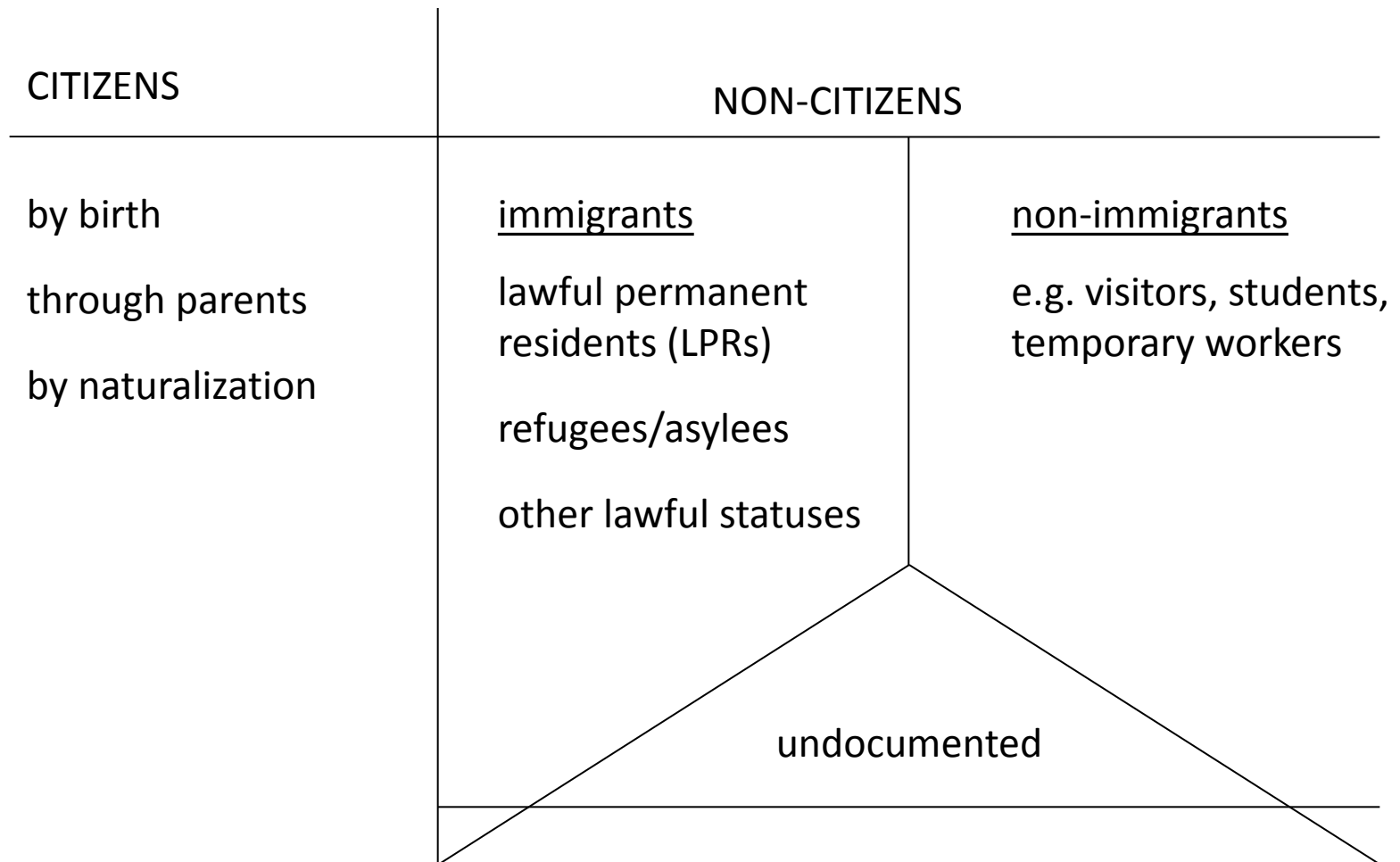
# Our Network:



Father Gary Graf Center



# Overview of Immigration Statuses

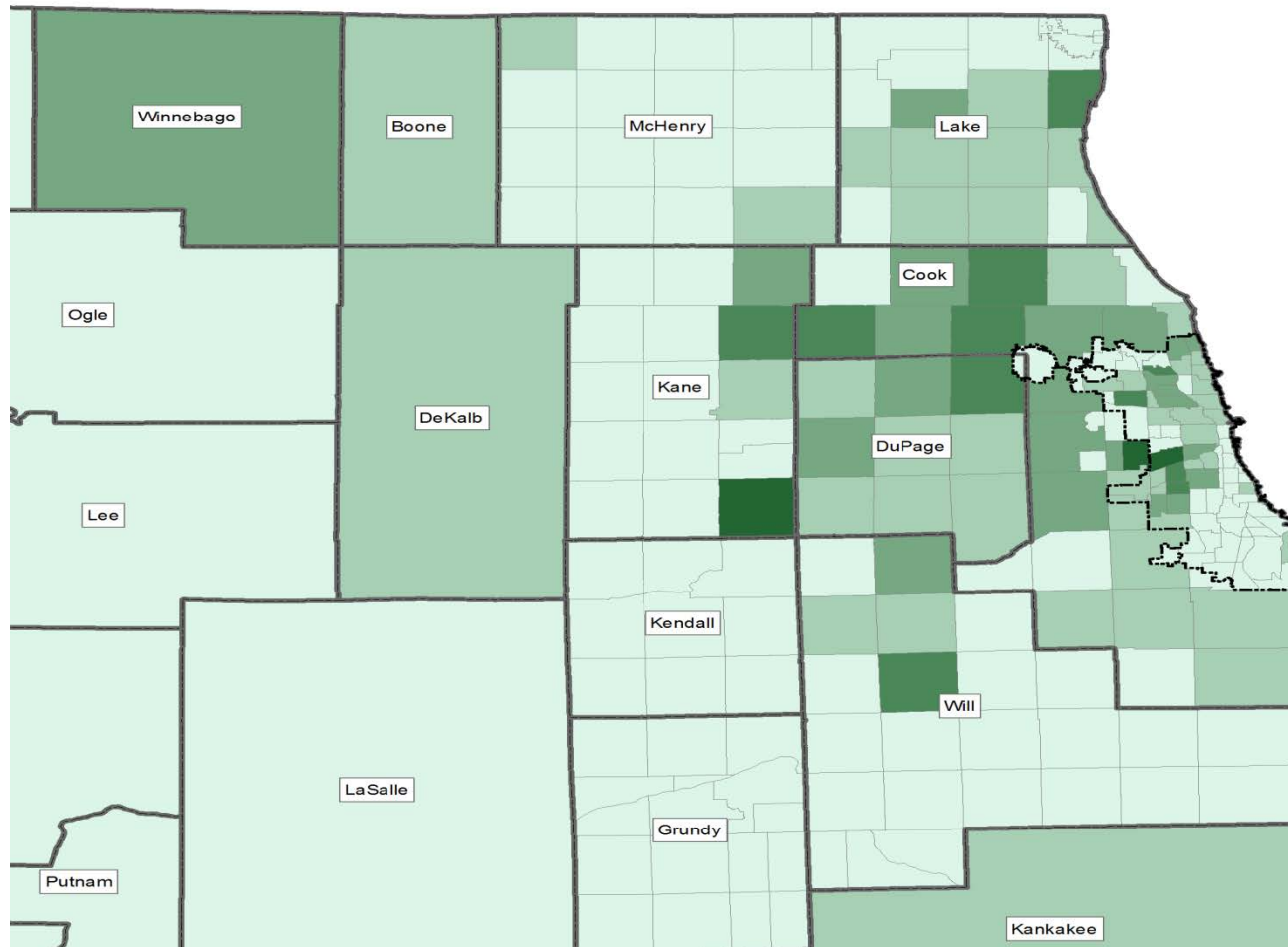


# What is Administrative Relief?

- Based on prosecutorial discretion- the power to make decisions about an immigrant's ability to remain in the U.S. without congressional action/legislation.
- Administrative Relief is:
  - **NOT a law, but is administrative policy that can be changed or terminated at any time- Only Congress has the power to change policy**
  - NOT a change to a lawful immigration status
  - NOT a pathway to legal permanent residency or citizenship

# Undocumented populations in IL \*

- A more detailed online map of undocumented immigrant residential patterns throughout the state of Illinois is available at [this link](#).



# Introduction to the Executive Order

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# Executive Order (11/20/14):

- President Obama announced a new executive order on immigration. Among ten key points of the order, there are two key parts that will have a significant impact on thousands in Lake County:
  1. Expansion of DACA (*Differed Action* for **Childhood** Arrivals)
  2. Creation of DAPA (*Differed Action* for **Parental** Accountability)
- Even though the announcement has been made- no applications are being currently accepted for these categories of relief.
- More information will continue to come from the Federal government over the next five months. IIN Lake County will continue to share this information with agencies and coalitions.



# What does “Differed Action” mean?

- Those approved are no longer a priority for deportation.
- Protection from deportation can be temporary and typically work permits are issued for the meantime.
- D.A. does not change someone’s immigration status, but rather shields them temporarily.
- D.A. (and the executive order) does not provide a path to citizenship or permanent residency.
- D.A. is only available to individuals who have no authorized immigration status.
- There will still be many undocumented immigrants who will not qualify for the relief offered through the executive order. **They are still a priority for deportation.**

# 1. DACA+: The Dreamers

- DACA is an existing program- established through a previous executive order- that provides some young people with D.A.
- 2 key changes in DACA+ under the new order:
  - Time in the United States-
    - Applicants now have to prove that they have been here since before January 1, 2010 (before it was June 15, 2007).
  - Applicant's Age-
    - Under current DACA criteria, applicants must be between 15-31 years old. Under DACA+, there are no age limits.
  - Work Authorization Timeline-
    - Under current DACA, work permits are valid for two years subject to renewal. Under the DACA+, work permits will be valid for three years, subject to renewal.
- The DACA+ established under the new executive order will take effect on February 18, 2015.
- Fee: \$465

## 2. DAPA:

# Differed Action for Parent Accountability

- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Be a parent of a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident born before November 20, 2014.
  - Have lived in the U.S. since at least January 1, 2010
  - Been physically present on November 20, 2014 and the day that she/he requests D.A.
  - Have no immigration authorization/status on November 20, 2014.
  - No significant criminal background
- DAPA processing will begin in May 2015
- Fee: \$465

# Numbers of people protected Nationally and in Illinois:

- National (estimated 11 million undocumented):
  - 4.4 million parents of U.S. citizens and LPRs
  - 290,000 more people eligible for DACA
- Nationally during DACA- 15% of applicants were eligible for other forms of immigration relief
- In Illinois (estimated 511,000 undocumented immigrants):
  - 280,000\* total eligible for DAPA and DACA+
- In Illinois 87% of families are mixed-status--that is, they include at least one U.S. citizen or immigrant with lawful status
- **Based on these national figures, we estimate that 18,000 immigrant community members of Lake County could be eligible to apply.**

[Migration Policy Institute- As Many as 3.7 Million Unauthorized Immigrants Could Get Relief from Deportation under Anticipated New Deferred Action Program](#)

# What if someone doesn't qualify for either deferred action?

- The government does not have resources to deport all undocumented people.
- Deportation priorities (PEP) have changed to focus on:
  - certain criminal offenders;
  - those who threaten national security; and
  - recent entries/change to undocumented status.
- In Illinois there are Temporary Visitor Drivers License (TVDL)
- Get involved with a Community Based Organization
- There are RIGHTS- attend a Know Your Rights Presentation

# Inter-Agency Collaboration

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We need your help

# 1. Document Sharing/Gathering:

- Immigration cases are heavily evidence-based and proper documentation is essential to the application. Third Party information/documents are key to a strong case!
- DACA and DAPA require:
  - Proof of identity- birth certificates, state-issued ids, school ids
  - Proof of familial relations and immigration status of family member (DAPA)- birth certificates of children, passports, naturalization records, green cards, baptismal records, adoption degree, marriage certificate for stepchildren.
  - Proof of physical presence per dates
  - Relevant documents for any criminal justice system or Department of Homeland Security contact.
  - Taxes
- Who is your information officer? Who can we contact at your agency to request records? What kind of records could you share for immigration cases?
- **Key: document sharing between agencies that is easy, streamlined, and timely.**

## 2. Information Sharing:

- There is a lot of confusion, misinformation, and fear in the community.
- Through IIN Lake County, your organization can share information with your clients via:
  - Flyers and Info sheets
  - IIN Presentations at your location, classes, group sessions, etc. for your clients and constituents.
- Agency Training- educate your front-line employees about this process to strengthen your agency's support of community members going through this process.
- **Key: your staff are equipped with adequate knowledge and resources to provide community members with reliable and accurate information.**

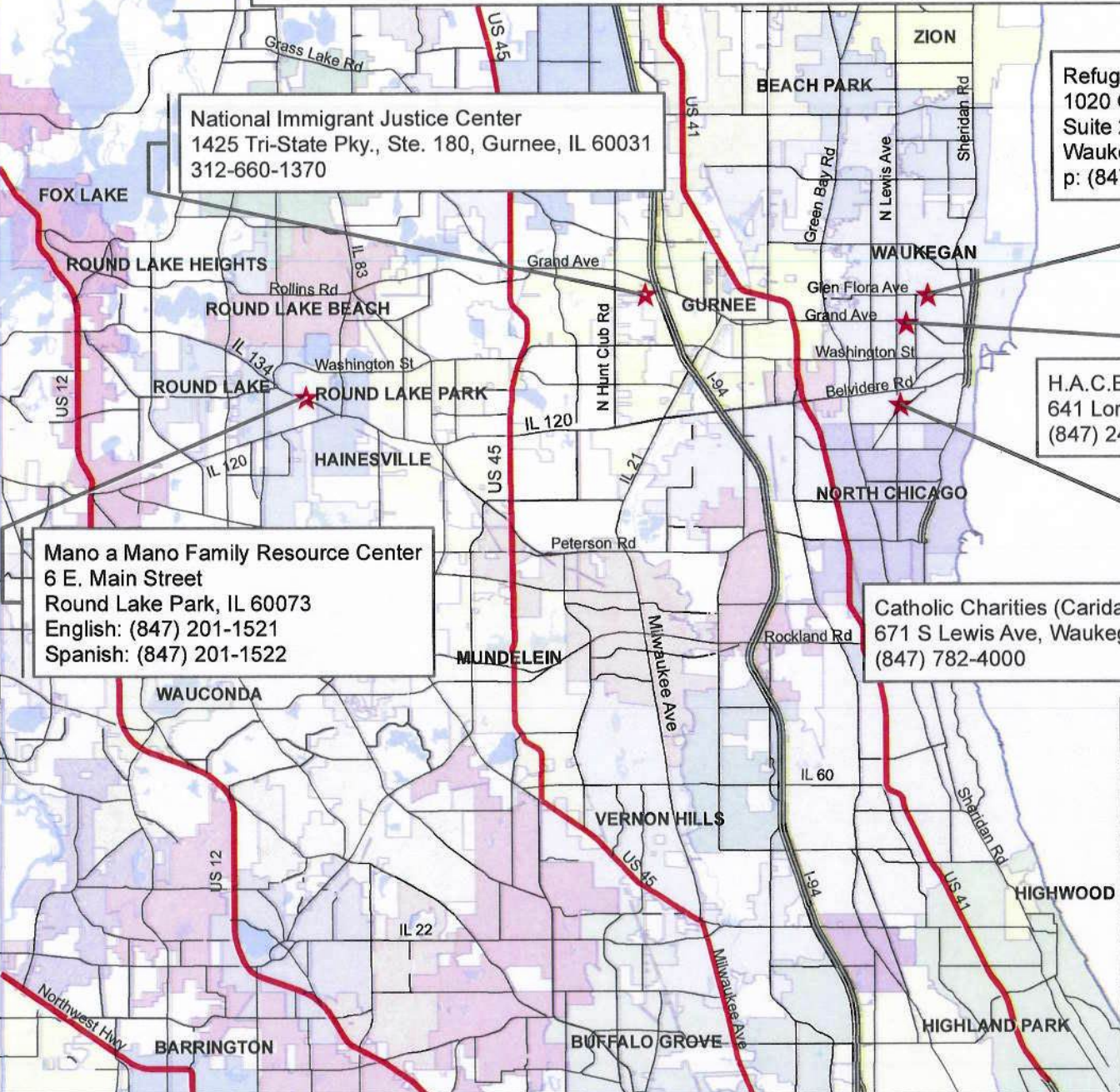


# 3. Fraud Education and Prevention:

- Fraud in immigration processes is RAMPANT! Immigrant communities are particularly vulnerable to fraud due to limited knowledge of their rights and the system.
- Be aware of the unauthorized practice of law:
  - **"[T]he giving of advice or rendition of any sort of service by any person, firm or corporation when the giving of such advice or rendition of such service requires the use of any degree of legal knowledge or skill."** -People ex rel. Illinois State Bar Ass'n v. Schafer, 404 Ill. 45, 51, 87 N.E.2d 773 (1949).
- Common: Public notaries claiming to have the authority to complete immigration petitions or claiming to have the same authorities as attorneys.
- **Key: only licensed attorneys or non-profit agencies accredited by the Bureau of Immigration Appeals (BIA) can prepare/file immigration petitions.**

# Need assistance with Immigration Legal Services?

Contact a BIA Accredited Agency in Lake County today!



National Immigrant Justice Center  
1425 Tri-State Pky., Ste. 180, Gurnee, IL 60031  
312-660-1370

Refugee One  
1020 Glen Flora  
Suite 204  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
p: (847) 244-4342

H.A.C.E.S.  
641 Lorraine Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085  
(847) 244-0300

Mano a Mano Family Resource Center  
6 E. Main Street  
Round Lake Park, IL 60073  
English: (847) 201-1521  
Spanish: (847) 201-1522

Catholic Charities (Caridades Católicas)  
671 S Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085  
(847) 782-4000

BIA Accredited agencies are certified by the federal government to process immigration applications. All of the agencies on this map are non-profit organizations. Be sure to either consult an attorney or a BIA accredited agency for your immigration application. Public Notaries do not have the authority to file immigration applications. **Protect yourself and your family - do not be a victim of fraud!**

## Good Advice for your Neighbors to Prevent Fraud:

- Do not sign blank forms or documents you do not fully understand
- Get a written agreement specifying the fees and the services you will receive from the provider
- Actively participate in your case. Ask a lot of questions!
- Ask to see the letter from the BIA recognizing the organization or the representative and ask information about licensing for an attorney
- Keep original documents: your legal representative generally only needs to submit *copies* of your supporting documents

## 4. Referrals:

- For more information about the Executive Order, immigrant resources, or other related issues, please refer your clients to any of the IIN Lake County member agencies.
- For legal services or immigration legal questions, refer clients to BIA accredited agencies-
  - Mano a Mano: 847-201-1521
  - HACES: 847-244-0300
  - Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000
- Share information about your processes and your services with us!



# Key Take Away Points:

- This executive order will have a significant impact on Lake County immigrant families and communities.
- Many community members are scared, anxious, and not sure what to believe.
- No policy changes have been made, this executive order is an administrative form of immigration relief.
- Your agency has a key role in sharing information and resources, document preparation, fraud prevention, and referrals.
- Fraud is rampant: Remind community members that there is no application yet- so there is nothing to sign or pay for.
- To process immigration applications- clients should seek the counsel of an attorney or a BIA-accredited agency.
- Public Notaries do not have the authority to process immigration applications.
- Many of your clients, community members, friends, and families may benefit from and/or have questions about this- please help them get accurate information and reliable services!

# Thank you!

## Questions?

For future questions or to learn more about IIN Lake County,  
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